

ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Unit 23780

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Level 1, Credit 5, Version 1

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Level of performance required for this unit standard

This is a level 1 unit standard. At this level trainees are expected to demonstrate the following abilities when completing assessment tasks:

- To work under close supervision, as directed; with no responsibility for the standard of the outcome achieved.
- To complete tasks that are repetitive and familiar, with a limited range of skills and knowledge.

Workplace assessment:

For guidelines on Workplace Assessment, please refer to the NZHITO Workplace Assessors Manual, and for further information, please contact: NZHITO, P O Box 8638, Christchurch. Ph 03 9644 735, fax 03 9644 737, website www.hortito.org.nz

Special notes:

1. Industry practices refer to accepted horticulture industry techniques, procedures, and standards.
2. Legislation relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

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Element 2 Maintain lawns. Range: over a period of four weeks; lawn area must be at least 100m ² .	Yes/No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mow lawns and manually trim edges. Must use feet, eye, and ear protection; equipment may include mowers, edge shears, wheel edger. ▪ Sweep paths or concrete areas clean of all debris. ▪ Clear leaves from lawns. ▪ Collect, recycle and/or dispose of garden waste. ▪ Clean equipment and store safely.
Element 3 Identify and care for horticultural hand tools.	Yes/No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify, and state a function for at least six horticultural hand tools. ▪ Describe at least three tool care practices for horticultural hand tools. ▪ Store tools safely in their designated storage.

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